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WATCH YOUR OWN AFFAIRS

It is a good idea for the average citizen to keep up with national and international affairs, but it is a better idea for him to keep up with his personal affairs.

Among these, one would include business interests, and also the development of personality, which is often neglected by individuals.

There may not be much that an individual can accomplish in solving the great problems which baffle statesmen, but there is no reason why any person cannot accomplish considerable in regard to his, or her, own personal advancement.

Despite the belief of many in luck and fate, this is accomplished by hard work, including the abundant use of such intelligence as the individual possesses.

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A BILL THAT DIDN'T PASS

Several bills were introduced in the 84th Congress which would have made it compulsory for slaughter-houses to utilize humane methods in the slaughtering of hogs, lambs, cattle, calves, and so on.

However, they did not pass. Immediately after adjournment, a group of Congressmen visited slaughtering plants in Kansas City, St. Joseph, Mo., Freemont, Nebr., and other places. The Congressmen viewed slaughter-houses where cattle are struck with a pole-axe before being slaughtered, where hogs, lambs, and calves are shackled, hoisted and then knifed and bled to death — even when they are fully conscious.

They also visited a company where cattle are mercifully rendered insensible to pain, a humane replacement for the pole-axe. They visited a company where animals are rendered unconscious through the use of carbon dioxide, before being knifed and bled.

Hormel is the major slaughterer in the country which saves hogs the pain and terror of the cruel slaughtering process by using carbon dioxide. The Seitz Packing Company, of St. Joseph, Mo., uses a captive bolt pistol instead of the pole-axe.

Only fifteen companies, of all the slaughter-houses in the United States, practice modern humane slaughtering methods. Yet in Switzerland, England, Scotland, the Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Norway, Germany and in other European countries, cruel methods of slaughtering animals have already been made illegal.

The National Humane Society says about 150,000,000 cattle, horses, hogs, sheep, lambs and calves each year in the United States are caused terror and suffering to such a degree that it is a national disgrace.

We hope the Congressmen who visited the various slaughter-houses —members of the House Agriculture Committee— of which Congressman Harold Cooley (D.- N. C.) is chairman, will see to it that in the 85th Congress a bill providing for compulsory humane methods of slaughtering animals is passed as soon as possible.

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STUDY HISTORY TO UNDERSTAND PRESENT

If you want to understand the world in which you live, and the activity of peoples who now populate the globe, you must, first of all, know much about past history, and the experiences of the human race in the years that have preceded us.

The man, or woman, who attempts to pass judgment upon human activity solely upon the basis of his own personal experience, has overlooked the long tenure of man on this earth and the varied experiences that have combined to create our present civilization.

To judge the race today, we must look backward, not just a decade or a generation, but perhaps a few hundred years at the least. In this way, if you can get accurate information as to the economic, political and spiritual condition of earlier peoples, you will be able to appraise the present position of mankind.

Those who critically seek to understand the way people lived, say in the 16th century, and the organization of men and women into the forms of human activity, perceive some changes and observe difinite trends in human behavior, however expressed. And, seeing these changes and trends, one becomes a little more pleased with the present generation.

One of the predominant trends of the past few centuries has been the gradual acceptance, on the part of government, of a responsibility for the physical well-being of its people. This is evident in a variety of activities, including education, health, vocational, social and economic fields. The trend has been denounced by some as a "step toward socialism" and the destruction of "private initiative" ever since it began, and it will be so denounced for the next three hundred centuries. In the meanwhile, however, the position of peoples has steadily been improved, and will continue to be bettered.

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MAKING A SUCCESS IN LIFE

Practically every person in Appomattox County, whether man or woman, boy or girl, regardless of age and circumstances, hopes and intends, to make a success in life.

Stated in general terms, this ambition is common to all of us. It is only when we attempt to define the meaning of "success" that differences of opinion develop. Subsequently, it might be a good idea for the individual to stop long enough to ponder the question and answer it.

The individual, in his or her zeal to be successful, often accepts a popular definition of the term and thereby loses sight of the real goal. One's success is not to be measured by the wealth accumulated, the worldy honors received or the fickle acclamation of so-called public opinion.

So, today, when there are so many ideas about success, we suggest that the individual reader analyze his or her own conception. It should be obvious, we think, that one can be successful only when life is in harmony with our inner convictions. Yet, if our principles are wrong, life will be imperfect.

To those who read this article and, particularly, to the young people, we suggest the effort to outline definite principles which are considered acceptable guides. As a start, one might try to discover a definite principle upon which to base one's daily activity and to which one is willing to be loyal under all circumstances. This might sound easy, but test it for yourself.

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One's intelligence can often be measured by how much he keeps his mouth shut.

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The democracies, hesitating, have—in effect— let Col. Nasser get away with his Suez grab.

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Ike and Adlai may have a hard time getting as many headlines as Estes and Dick between now and November.

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What human beings are unable to understand, they attribute to the Almighty, either as a blessing or a punishment.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

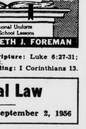
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Luke 6:27-31; 10:30-37; James 2.
Devotional Reading: I Corinthians 13.

Royal Law

Lesson for September 2, 1956

"LOVE your neighbor" is called the "Royal Law" once in the Bible. It becomes and is the royal law only when all of it is meant: Love your neighbor as yourself. Everybody loves his neighbor a tiny bit. At least you don't want to see his house burn down, and if you heard that his children had been eaten by an alligator, you would have (it is hoped) some tinge of regret. But loving your neighbor as yourself—ah, that is something quite a lot harder to do.



Dr. Foreman

But the Royal Law demands that we love our neighbor, any neighbor, all neighbors. This is a Royal Law, as James called it, because it is the law by which the King of the Universe operates. To be sure, we cannot say that God has "neighbors" just as we have; but when God was here on earth, focused (you might say) in one person, this Son of God, truly royal if ever a man was, lived by the Royal Law.

No Exceptions!

James writes that keeping the law means keeping all of it. To fail in one point means failing, period. We can apply this to the Royal Law. If we are (as Jesus called us) sons and daughters of the Most High, then we are under a kind of regal obligation to live as befits our high privileges. The more truly we live as children of God, the less we can afford to make exceptions, on our own, to the royal law of love. But most of us do make exceptions. Jesus knew what they are; so did James. Jesus mentions people who love those who love them in return. We all know the type—maybe we are the type!—the person who treats his friends like princes and other people like dirt; the family who are very warm-hearted and devoted to one another but whom the minister has a very hard time enlisting in any project for community betterment; the college student who is a very loyal fraternity brother but who hardly knows, and doesn't care to know, the student without money to spend. Jesus' parable of the good Samaritan showed up two men who made exceptions to the Royal Law. The priest must have loved his neighbor priests; but the beaten stranger was no priest, so this priest didn't bother with him. The Levite must have had friends; he belonged to a class of professional philanthrepists. But samaritans were not on the Levite's list of Worthy Causes. So he wasn't bothered. As for the Samaritan, there was every reason to cross off that battered stranger by the roadside. By every Samaritan standard, he didn't "belong." But the Samaritan kept the Royal Law without making exceptions.

For Whom Do We Pray

One way the reader can test how well he himself keeps this Royal Law, is to reflect on his own prayers. We get around to more people in prayer than in actual visits. It is true that on a given day we probably don't pray definitely for every sort and condition of men; but the question which really probes us is not, "Do you pray for every one," but, "Are there any kinds of people for whom you would not pray?" If you are a democrat, do you ever pray for a republican? If you are a white person, do you ever pray for negroes? If you are Protestant, do you pray for Roman Catholics? For the Pope? If you are an American, do you pray for Russians? For Chinese? If you are a business man, do you pray for your competitors? As a law abiding citizen, do you ever pray for the men and women in the state penitentiary? You see how it is. The Royal Law is the hardest law there is.

With Whom Do You Pray

James draws a sarcastic little pieture of some church ushers he had very likely seen,—polishing the apple of the well-dressed visitor to their church, and shoving the poor man around so that he would be almost sure never to come back. How is it in your church? You may have hanging on the wall somewhere a copy of the Royal Law; but does the church itself keep it? Are there people, Negroes perhaps, who if they risked showing themselves at your church, and wanted to worship with you, would be shoved into a corner or perhaps refused admission entirely? Does your church set the example for its members, the example of love without exceptions?

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Washington Notes

"TORNADO" ARMY ENROLLED

A "Tornado Army" of almost 250,000 volunteer sentries has been organized throughout the Central states by the U. S. Weather Bureau. The army has its own air force, its own GHQ, and represents part of an all-out effort to beat the tornado by detecting the black, revolving cloud funnels as soon as they form, note the direction in which they are moving, and immediately alert telephone exchanges, radio and television stations.

SMALL BUSINESS AID

President Eisenhower's Committee on Small Business recently handed in fourteen recommendations it had adopted for aiding small business through tax relief and other measures. Nine of the proposals—in the tax, anti-trust, financing and other fields — would require congressional action. Other suggestions of the group are aimed at getting small firms a bigger slice of Government business.

RAILROADS RATE RISE

Several of the largest railroads in the nation have asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to increase first-class passenger fares 15 per cent. They also seek permission to boost coach fares five per cent.

BOND SALES

Outstanding U. S. savings bonds amounted to $58,000,000,000 at the end of the year, or $10,000,000,000 more than at the end of the war. However, sales have slowed down this year as rising interest rates of other havens for savings lured investors. The surplus of sales of Series E and H bonds over redemptions has been $318,000,000, compared with $530,000,000 in the first seven months of 1955.

PERSONAL INCOME

Personal income for the second quarter was at a rate of $323,000,000,000 a year, according to a report of the Office of Business Economics. This was $5,500,000,000 above the figure for the first quarter. Private wages and salaries rose $3,500,000,000 to an annual rate of $186,000,000,000. More than two-thirds of the rise was in non-manufacturing industries.

SELF - EMPLOYED

The United States Census Bureau recently reported that only about nineteen per cent of the workers in the United States are self-employed.

6SUGAR

World production of centrifugal cane and beet sugar in the 1955-56 growing season climbed to 42,000,000 short tons. This is an increase of 1,000,000 tons over the year before.

TELEVISION SETS

A sample survey conducted the first of this year by the Census Bureau revealed that almost three out of four households in the United States had one or more television sets. This compared with 67 per cent of householders with sets in June, 1955, and 12 per cent in 1950, when the Bureau made its first such survey.

FOOD PRICES

The Agriculture Department expects the current level of retail food prices to hold for the rest of the year. It based its prediction on a combination of expanding consumer buying power and a slight downturn in some supplies. Price increases cover such items as meats, dairy products, fresh and processed fruits and vegetables, food fats and oils. Lower prices were indicated for pigs and poultry.

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Around Your Home

By Frances Dell

One of the best ways to encourage the activities of useful birds in the garden is to provide suitable housing. Wrens, especially, are adaptable to almost any site, and are tireless searchers for insects during the nesting period.

You will find that they will make their home in the simplest kind of nesting boxes — even gourds. The whole family can join in on this kind of bird housing making. There are a few points that it would be well to observe in wren house construction.

The opening should be no larger than an inch in diameter. A circle drawn around a quarter is just the right size. No perch is necessary as the wren enters and leaves on the wing. It is a good idea to make narrow slits for about a half inch out from each side of the entrance.

It will be fun to watch the nest building operation. Mrs. Wren works inside while Mr. When fetches the material and stuffs it in the door. He insists on carrying it cross-ways in his bill crossways and a lot of lost motion can be saved by the small slits.

Blue birds and Red birds are so beautiful that if they did nothing else but grace your garden that would be enough. However, these birds are also great insect eaters, and should be encouraged. The Red bird is quite brave and will often build a nest right outside a large window if the proper type shelter is provided. A bird house with a somewhat larger opening is necessary. The Blue bird is shy and will most often seek a place away from any noise for nesting. They like shelter and have been known to make homes in all sorts of off places.

The Marking Bird is the most of so many different calls in U. S. that it must be a great delight with all of us. The song of Marking Bird is a thing of beauty. They usually make their home in the very top of a tall tree.

The best way to encourage them in your yard is to provide water, food for them during the cold months with something to attract birds—is very hard to come by.

It is possible to enjoy birds in your yard and have the family too. Equip Tabby with a small bell and collar. One of the cats I have seen and one that I imported four balls of different colors. The cat seemed quite pleased with the collar and probably wondered why he had such poor luck hunting birds.

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Clover Hill

Clover Hill, Aug. 28.- Mr. and Mrs. Cathorne Inge are announcing the arrival of a six pound, eight ounce daughter, Rita Gail, at Virginia Baptist Hospital Sunday, Aug. 26.

Mr. Bet Wheeler, with a party of others, attended the baseball game between the Cleveland Indians and the Washington Senators in Washington Sunday.

Mr. R. B. Frazier and two children, Judith and Tim, who have been in Georgia with Mr. Frazier during the tobacco sale season, plan to return here Thursday to spend some time with her mother, Mrs. J. Gills.

Mr. Harry Jenkins, who has been sick at her home here, is reported some better.

Mrs. Eulelia Robertson, of Charlottesville, visited her sister, Mrs. Quinn Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Richardson and two daughters, Cynthia and Ann, attended the Lowery-Waldron wedding at Bethany Place Baptist Church in Richmond Saturday. Mrs. Lowery is the former Ann Carter, of Appomattox.

Miss Cynthia Richardson is spending this week in Amherst with her aunt, Miss Brenda Jefferson.

Mrs. Lelia Mann and daughter, Mrs. Guy, of Crews, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. F. P. O'Brien.

Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Conner were the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Addington, Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien, and Mr. and Mrs. Walker Covington, of Vera.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence and grandsons, Larry and Dennis Wayne Torrence spent the week-end at Elkton with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Torrence.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence, Jr., and children, Patti and Tommy, of Richmond were Thursday visitors of their parents.

Mrs. C. B. Petty and family, en route from Glade Springs to their home at Scottsville, stopped over for a brief visit with her sister, Mrs. S. B. Kidd, on Sunday night.

Miss Nancy O'Brien spent several days last week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Paulette.

Dellie O'Brien spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gowin, Earl Gowin and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lewis and son, J. W. motored to Buggs Island Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hanson and son, Kenneth, of Pulaski, and Mrs. Merila Rush, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Ferguson. Also visiting the Fergusons on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Ferguson and daughters, Sharon and Gail, of Jacksonville, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Steppe, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McFadden, Mr. and Mrs. Otway Martin and sons, Bunny and Alvin, and Joel Trent, of Norfolk.

Miss Betty Mitchell leaves today for Virginia Baptist Hospital, where she will enter training for a career in nursing.

Mrs. Norwood Stephens, of Long Island, N. Y., was a guest last Thursday of Mrs. Carter Woodson.

Miss June Holt, who spent the summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Holt, has resumed her duties as Librarian at Garfield High School, Quantico, Va.

Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Johnson were Lt. and Mrs. W. N. Smith and Mrs. Nettie Lawrence and daughter, Becky, of Lynchburg.

Mrs. Jessie Carwile, who has just returned from a trip to Thomson, Ga., had as overnight guests Monday night her companions on the trip, Mrs. J. L. Henson and son, Joe, and Mrs. Charlie Fenderson, of Colonial Heights.

Mrs. T. R. Richardson spent several days last week in Prospect with her niece, Mrs. H. L. Moore.

Mrs. Jacob Lewis spent Sunday with her brothers in Victoria.

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Stonewall

Stonewall, August 28.- Schools will soon all be starting and the kids will be getting back to work. Happy days, and they don't know it!

Mrs. Bobbie Gunter and children, of Portsmouth are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Martin Krsau and Mrs. S. E. Anderson.

Mrs. E. H. Martin has returned to Philadelphia after two weeks visit with Mrs. S. L. Scruggs, and Mrs. W. R. Stratton. Other guests in this same home have been Miss June Babcock, of Orlando, Florida; Mrs. J. Stanley Schivers, of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Scruggs, of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wright, of Lynchburg, visited in the home of R. C. Wright last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Baker, of Richmond visited Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilton Lee and family spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wheeler, at Rustburg. Mrs. Wheeler celebrated Miss Winfred Lee's birthday, which was on Saturday, August 25. We wish this fine young lady many more happy days to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson visited her sick aunt, Miss Jean Howerton in the Virginia Baptist Hospital last week. She isn't so well at this time. We wish for her a speedy get well.

Miss Kathy Caldwell is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Sep Spencer, and other relatives in Petersburg.

Mrs. Harold Jones and baby son have returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler from Lynchburg Hospital. Both are doing O. K.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler are both on the sick list. We wish for these fine folks a speedy recovery. Also wish for their little grandson, Brad Wheeler a speedy recovery and return from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Showalter, of Lynchburg spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

The Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Spain and children have returned to their home after spending their vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beard, of Maryland spent last week with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard. Other children in the home over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Mrs. A. B. Johnson, Mrs. Vinton Epperly and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Hurt, Mr. and Mrs. Chat Chapman and boys, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Horton and children.

Richwood

Richwood, August 28.- (Too good not to requote: "Tolerance is what you are asked to have in order that others may encroach upon your rights with impunity.")

The latest information we have is that Carter Pankey will drive our school bus this year, instead of Ed Pentecost, who unfortunately will be unable to drive. We had hoped that Mr. Pentecost would be able to drive the bus again.

Two recent weddings have taken place in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Elder: daughter Thelma to Abbitt Crews, of Charlotte County, and son, Fred to Thelma Mann, of this county.

N. T. Evans is in poor condition in a Lynchburg hospital, as a result of a heart attack.

Mrs. G. P. Brannan and children are enjoying a vacation with relatives.

Miss Shirley Fleshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fleshman, of Red House left Tuesday to begin her training at the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

PERIPATETIC EDUCATION

Urbanna, Ill. — Steven Gutrell, of Lost Creek, W. Va., who recently received his diploma from the University of Illinois, had previously attended twelve elementary schools, two high schools, and four colleges. To keep his traveling education record going, he plans to take graduate work in Florida.

COURTEOUS BANDITS

Boston, Mass. — Two holdup men who escaped with $330 from a grocery store politely paused long enough to wait on a customer and even carried the woman's bundles to her waiting automobile. The store owner, bound with piano wire, was in a back room.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, August 28.- Miss Sue Odor, of W. Va. is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Zastrow.

Mr. Henry Almond is sick at this writing.

Mr. Floyd McFadden, who has been a patient at Virginia Baptist Hospital for several days, is much improved.

Mrs. Walker Walton spent several days last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Layne and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Almond visited Mr. Floyd McFadden at the hospital Sunday.

Mrs. R. H. Bates is improving after a recent illness.

Mrs. Raymond Page is a patient at Lynchburg Hospital.

Miss Shirley Walton will leave Friday for Alexandria, where she will teach music this winter.

Dial 2811 with Personals.

FISHING RODEO AT MYRTLE BEACH

Myrtle Beach, S. C.- Plans for Myrtle Beach's Fifth Annual Fishing Rodeo have been announced by the Chamber of Commerce Rodeo Committee Chairman, George Hendrix.

Labor Day marks the opening of the fall fishing event that brings in thousands of fishing enthusiasts from the Carolinas and other states. The rodeo will extend through Thanksgiving.

A grand prize award will go to the lucky fisherman who lands the largest fish of the entire rodeo. The all-rodeo awards will be presented for the largest fish in each of the ten classifications.

Mackerel, not eligible for competition in past years, has been added to the prize list. A minimum weight of two pounds has been set for mackerel.

Fish entered in the rodeo may be caught from the beach, piers or from boats within one mile of the shoreline in an area extending approximately ten miles from the north to the south city limits of Myrtle Beach.

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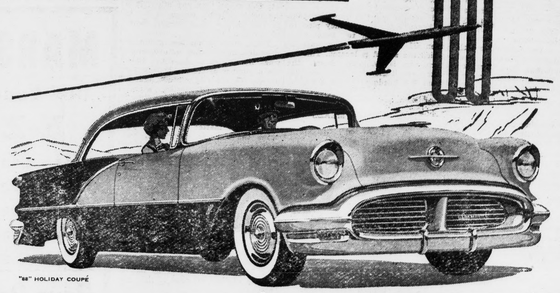

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